



OFFICE OF
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DISTRICT FOUR

FEBRUARY 28, 2008 WEEKLY UPDATE



Councilmember Young addresses the more than seventy graduates at the Second Chance/Strive Graduation Ceremony on Friday, February 21, 2008.



COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, February 25, 2008 the San Diego City Council received an update on the City's Equal Opportunity Contracting Program. I was pleased to hear that city staff has responded to my concerns regarding this program. Additional staff are being hired to monitor compliance to city and federal contracting requirements; the "Mentor Protégé" program is being expanded (this will assist more disadvantaged contractors to gain skill and knowledge on major contracts); "How to Do Business with the City" workshops are being increased; insurance and bonding requirements are being reviewed to be more responsive to smaller companies or low-risk contracts; and strategies for business development are being reviewed. These and several other efforts being done in cooperation and collaboration with organizations and city departments should assist in providing more contracting opportunities for disadvantaged businesses and increase employment opportunities for residents of our diverse communities.



On Tuesday, February 26, 2008 the San Diego City Council approved an ordinance prohibiting sex offenders from being within 300 feet of public or private schools for children, day care facilities, libraries, video arcades, playgrounds, parks, or amusement centers. This is an additional step needed in the city of San Diego to protect our children from predatory sex offenders.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

Councilmember Young and the District Attorney's Office will be co-hosting a Consumer Fraud Workshop on Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library located at 5148 Market St. Community members will have the opportunity to listen to presentations on how to avoid becoming the victim of consumer fraud by learning their rights on home repairs, vehicle repairs and purchasing goods and services. The workshop will offer on-site assistance and information from the Consumer Fraud Task Force Member agencies which include California Attorney General's Office, San Diego District Attorney's Office, San Diego City Attorney's Office, Better Business Bureau, Public Utilities Commission, Dept. of Motor Vehicles and Postal Inspector.

Beginning March 1, 2008 the City of San Diego Water and Wastewater Departments will be returning to billing water and sewer customers every two months. The Departments had been billing customers on a monthly basis since 2003; however that practice resulted in numerous complaints of inaccurate water and sewer bills due to estimating usage. Billing every two months will allow for accurate meter reading reflected on your bills. Customers receiving bills in March will not receive their next bill until May. Customers who received their bills in February will receive their next bill in April. If your next water bill seems high, please be sure to check that it is covering a two month period before you call for an explanation.

FREE CLASS for Spring 2008 Library Courses on African American Cultural Exposure A Legacy of Resistance and Resilience will be held on February 28, 2008 at the Malcolm X Library from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The topic is Harlem Renaissance's Cultural and Political Nationalism. For enrollment contact the Department of Africana Studies at (619) 594-6531. For college credit contact Dr. Shirley Weber at (619) 594-6550. For more information contact Mr. Marc Chery at (619) 527-3405.



Diamond CDC/BID February Networking Business Mixer will be held on Friday, February 29, 2008, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Magnolia's Authentic Southern Dining (342 Euclid Ave. Suite 403) Cost: \$10 for Diamond CDC/BID Members, \$20 for non-members. Food and Drinks! For more information contact (619) 527-0710 or diabid@sbcglobal.net.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

At the February 2, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Lomita Village, a total of 41.71 tons of waste was collected, 30.78 tons were non-recyclables and .10.93 tons of recyclable materials consisting of metals and appliances were collected from the neighborhood. Mr. Richard Lujan, Lomita Village community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department and Michael Flores, are commended for their assistance and support.

At the February 6, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of North Bay Terrace, a total of 8.52 tons of waste was collected, 7.44 tons were non-recyclables and 1.08 tons of recyclable materials consisting of metals and appliances were collected from the neighborhood. Ms. Tangie DeBerry, North Bay Terrace community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department and Michael Flores, are commended for their assistance and support.

At the February 13, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Paradise Hills, a total of 9.66 tons of waste was collected, 9.12 tons were non-recyclables and .54 tons of recyclable materials consisting of metals and appliances were collected from the neighborhood. Paradise Hills community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department and Michael Flores, are commended for their assistance and support.



The MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Community Safety Initiative are now accepting applications for the 2008 MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards.

These awards provide \$10,000 to \$25,000 grants to organizations that demonstrate innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization efforts. Preliminary applications are due Friday, February 29, 2008. For more information about these awards, please contact Mark Conyers at (212) 455-8354. If you would like additional information about the San Diego LISC program, please contact Joseph Horiye at (619) 239-6691.

This Sunday March 3, 2008 the George Stevens Senior Center will be having their 2nd Anniversary Celebration. Please join them at 3pm at the Senior Center located at 570 S 65th St, San Diego, CA 92114 for more information call (619) 266-2066.

Monday, March 3rd. Community Partner: Horn of Africa Topic: "Culture, Community and Employment Challenges for the Somali Community" The Malcolm X Library and the UCSD Ethic Studies Department are pleased to offer the San Diego community a four-part, "Ethnic Diversity in San Diego County" Educational Series at the Malcolm X Library. Scholars, students, community activists and civic leaders come together to explore ethnic diversity in the City of San Diego, and beyond, from multiple perspectives. The sessions will be held from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

Broadway Heights Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 7:00p.m at 6757 Pilot Way (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

Greater Skyline Hills Town Council will meet Monday, March 3, 2008 at 6:00p.m at United Church of Christ, 5810 Alleghany Street (Derrick White staffs this meeting)



Paradise Hills Neighborhood Watch Council will meet Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:00p.m at United Church of Christ, 5810 Alleghany Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Paradise Hills Rec. Council will meet Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 6:00p.m at Penn Athletic Field, 6610 Potomac Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Mt. Hope will meet Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 6:30p.m at Macedonia Baptist Church, 625 Quail Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

Valencia Park Town Council will meet Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 6:30p.m at Valencia Park Elementary, 5880 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

Oak Park Community Council will meet Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Oak Park School Auditorium, 2606 54th Street (Jimmie Slack staffs this meeting)

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions.

Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.



SAVE THIS DATE:

Monday, March 10th. Featured Conversationalist: Fatemeh Mohammadi

Topic: “Informal Conversations on Muslim Issues and Perspectives in San Diego”

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San Diego Organizing Project presents 2008 ~ Year of Our Youth. Please join them as they pray and launch a year of commitment to hope and opportunity for our youth. Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 2:30pm registration and refreshments, 3:00pm service begins. St. Jude Shrine of the West 1129 S. 38th St. San Diego, CA 92113. For more information call (619) 285-0797.

The San Diego Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Committee & Alliant International University present: The First Annual Cesar E. Chavez Community

College Essay Contest First Place Winner: \$5,000.00 Second Place Winner: \$2,500.00. For more information please call Guadalupe Corona at (858) 635-4435 or email cesarchavez@alliant.edu or visit <http://cesarchavez.alliant.edu>. Deadline for postmarked entries is Friday March 14, 2008.

Explore the Possibilities for San Diego’s Civic Center Complex Public Discussion Sessions: Saturday, March 15, at the Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114. For more information visit www.ccdc.com and click on the Civic Center Complex link.

The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College will be hosting the “California Friendly Plant Sale on Saturday, March 15, 2008 starting at 9 am-3pm at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon, CA. This is a free admission event, parking and there will be activities for kids, conservation tips, garden lectures and tours, compost demonstrations and bin sale, for more information call (619) 660-0614 ext. 10

Join UC San Diego Extension, where there’s always something new, as we celebrate and educate the community at our **Spring 2008 Open House** event this Thursday, March 20, 2008 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Price Center Ballroom,



UC San Diego Campus. Get involved and informed with local and international non-profits, network with cause-oriented companies, discover new career paths! For more information call (858) 534-3400.

Teachers Use Art to Educate Children on Water Conservation

The City of San Diego Water Department's Eighth Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest will be accepting entries through Wednesday, March 26, 2008. All public, private, and home-school teachers can use art to teach their students about the benefits of water conservation, and enter the Water Conservation Poster Contest. Additional information about the Contest and entry form are available online at www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation. For more information, call The City of San Diego Water Department at (619) 533-5312.

Broadway Heights Community Council Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on March 29, 2008 from 7:00am-11:00am at the Mountain View Community Center 641 S. Boundary St. \$5 Bring the whole family!

Southeastern Little League Baseball Opening Day will be Saturday April 5 at 10:00am. 4200 Keeler Ave. San Diego, CA 92113. Registration Dates: Saturday, February 23, March 1 & 8, 2008 from 11:00am-2:00pm at Southcrest Park.

San Diego County will be hosting its 5th Annual California Friendly Landscape Contest, for more information on the contest, go to www.landscapecontest.com or call (619) 660-0614. Contestants can win up to \$500 gift certificate to an area nursery, an honorary paver at the Water Conservation Garden, just fill in your entry form, the deadline is April 7, 2008.

The National Black Contractors Association's National Summit and 26th Anniversary Gala "Beyond Civil Rights and Affirmative Action" will be held on April 18, 2008 at the National Headquarters of BCA in the City of San Diego, located at 6125 Imperial Ave. For more information please contact, Abdur-Rahim Hameed (619) 865-9057 or Janiece of the Black Contractors Association of California, RSVP at (619) 263-9791 or (619) 723-4885.

THANK YOU.....for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.

